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## FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR BANK FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

TUCSON, Ariz. – John Clement Savage III, 27, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson to five years in federal prison. Savage pleaded guilty on August 26, 2009, to one count of Bank Fraud and one count of Aggravated Identity Theft. Savage was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$9,327.71 to numerous victims he defrauded.

After moving to Ariz. from Florida in October 2007, Savage was employed at Quebedeaux Pontiac car dealership where he had access to customer credit reports. Savage stole some reports and used information obtained from two credit card applications to obtain cellular telephone service. He then later had one of the victim's mail forwarded to an address wherein he received the victim's mail. Savage used information contained in the mail to fraudulently acquire various bank accounts and convenience checks.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution was handled by Raquel Arellano, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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